

What is claimed is:

1 1. An apparatus, comprising:  
2 a first electronic device adapted to perform  
3 a training phase with multiple second electronic devices to calculate  
4 parameters to enable substantially simultaneous spatial division multiple access  
5 transmissions to multiple ones of the multiple second electronic devices; and  
6 a data phase by using the parameters to perform the spatial division multiple  
7 access transmissions.

1 2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first electronic device is further adapted to  
2 perform an acknowledgement phase by using the parameters to perform substantially  
3 simultaneous spatial division multiple access transmissions of acknowledgements to the  
4 multiple ones of the second electronic devices subsequent to the data phase.

1 3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first electronic device is further adapted to  
2 perform the data phase by:  
3 transmitting substantially simultaneous data polls to the multiple ones of the  
4 multiple second electronic devices through multiple antennas; and  
5 receiving substantially simultaneous data responses from the multiple ones of the  
6 multiple second electronic devices through multiple antennas.

1    4.    The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first electronic device is further adapted to  
2    perform the training phase by:

3                transmitting training polls to the multiple second electronic devices;  
4                receiving training responses from the multiple second electronic devices through  
5                multiple antennas;  
6                processing the training responses received through the multiple antennas; and  
7                calculating the parameters based on the processed training responses.

1    5.    The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the parameters comprise beam forming  
2    parameters.

1    6.    The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the parameters are further to enable substantially  
2    simultaneous spatial division multiple access receptions from the multiple ones of the  
3    multiple second electronic devices.

1    7.    The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first electronic device further comprises at  
2    least four antennas to communicate with the multiple second electronic devices during the  
3    training phase and the data phase.

1    8.    The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the first electronic device further comprises a  
2    computing platform coupled to the at least four antennas.

1       9.     The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the first electronic device further comprises at  
2     least four modulator/demodulators with at least one modulator/demodulator coupled  
3     between each of the at least four antennas and the computing platform.

1       10.    The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the first electronic device further comprises  
2     multiple analog-to-digital converters and multiple digital-to-analog converters with at least  
3     one analog-to-digital converter and at least one digital-to-analog converter coupled  
4     between each modulator/demodulator and the computing platform.

1       11.    A method, comprising:  
2              transmitting a training poll to a first mobile device;  
3              receiving a training response from the first mobile device;  
4              transmitting a training poll to a second mobile device;  
5              receiving a training response from the second mobile device;  
6              calculating parameters based on the received training response from the first mobile  
7     device and the received training response from the second mobile device; and  
8              using the parameters to enable spatial division multiple access transmissions to the  
9     first and second mobile devices.

1       12.    The method of claim 11, wherein said using comprises:  
2              transmitting a first data poll to the first mobile device and a second data poll to the  
3     second mobile device substantially simultaneously using spatial division multiple access  
4     techniques; and

5 receiving a response to the first data poll from the first mobile device and a  
6 response to the second data poll from the second mobile device substantially  
7 simultaneously.

1 13. The method of claim 12, further comprising transmitting, subsequent to said  
2 receiving, an acknowledgement to the first mobile device and an acknowledgement to the  
3 second mobile device substantially simultaneously using the spatial division multiple  
4 access techniques.

1 14. The method of claim 13, wherein said calculating the parameters comprises  
2 calculating beam forming parameters.

1 15. The method of claim 13, wherein the parameters are further used to enable spatial  
2 division multiple access receptions from the first and second mobile devices.

1 16. A machine-readable medium that provides instructions, which when executed by a  
2 processing platform, cause said processing platform to perform operations comprising:  
3 transmitting a training poll to a first device;  
4 receiving a training response from the first device;  
5 transmitting a training poll to a second device;  
6 receiving a training response from the second device;  
7 calculating parameters based on the received training response from the first  
8 device and the received training response from the second device; and

9                   using the parameters to enable substantially simultaneous transmissions to the first  
10                and second devices using spatial division multiple access techniques.

1       17.    The medium of claim 16, wherein said operations further comprise:  
2                   using the parameters to enable transmitting a data poll to the first device and a data  
3                   poll to the second device substantially simultaneously using the spatial division multiple  
4                   access techniques; and  
5                   using the parameters to enable receiving a data response from the first device and a  
6                   data response from the second device substantially simultaneously using the spatial  
7                   division multiple access techniques.

1       18.    The medium of claim 17, wherein said operations further comprise using the  
2                   parameters to enable transmitting an acknowledgement to the first device and an  
3                   acknowledgement to the second device substantially simultaneously using the spatial  
4                   division multiple access techniques.

1       19.    The medium of claim 16, further comprising using the parameters to enable  
2                   substantially simultaneous receptions from the first and second devices using the spatial  
3                   division multiple access techniques.